

CLAIMS

1. A collection pouch for collecting matter excreted from the body, comprising a carrier, which comprises or carries at least one malodour counteractant, said carrier being fixedly attached directly or indirectly to a wall of the pouch.

2. A pouch according to claim 1 wherein the malodour counteractant is a coating on part, or all, of the surface of the carrier.

Sub B2 3. A pouch according to claim 1 wherein the malodour counteractant is adhered to the carrier by means of an adhesive.

4. A pouch according to claim 1 wherein said carrier carries a matrix and at least one malodour counteractant.

5. A pouch according to claim 4, wherein the matrix is a ^{absorbent} hygroscopic matrix.

6. A pouch according to claim 4, wherein the matrix comprises glycerol and polyethylene glycol.

7. A pouch according to claim 4, wherein the matrix comprises one or more surfactants.

8. A pouch according to claim 4, wherein the matrix comprises one or more soaps.

9. A pouch according to claim 1 wherein the carrier comprises one or more of the following: a paper tissue, a plastic film, a non-woven fabric, or an absorbent pad.

Sub A2 10. A pouch according to claim 9 wherein the absorbent pad is a composite comprising one or more of the following:

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(i) tissue paper/sodium polyacrylate, glycerol, water/tissue paper;

(ii) tissue paper/viscose and super-absorbent fibres/tissue paper;

(iii) tissue paper/viscose and super-absorbent fibres;

→ (iv) polyvinyl alcohol fibres and super-absorbent fibres.

and wherein "/" denotes separate layers of the composite.

sub 34 11. A pouch according to claim 1 wherein the malodour counteractant is an oxidising agent generator.

12. A pouch according to claim 1 wherein the malodour counteractant comprises a hydrogen peroxide generator.

13. A pouch according to claim 1, wherein the malodour counteractant comprises a chlorine dioxide generator.

14. A pouch according to claim 12 wherein the hydrogen peroxide generator is a metal perborate.

15. A pouch according to claim 14, wherein the metal perborate is sodium perborate.

16. A pouch according to claim 1, wherein the malodour counteractant comprises one or more antibacterial agents and/or one or more fragrance additives.

17. A pouch according to claim 1, wherein the carrier is heat sealed, or welded to the pouch wall.

sub 37 18. A collection pouch for collecting matter excreted from the body, the pouch comprising or containing a hydrogen peroxide generator.

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19. A pouch according to claim 18 wherein the generator is effective, in use, as a malodour counteractant.
20. A collection pouch for collecting matter excreted from the body, the pouch comprising or containing sodium perborate.
21. A pouch according to claim 20 wherein the sodium perborate is effective, in use, as a malodour counteractant.
22. A method for use in the production of a collection pouch for collecting matter excreted by the body, the method comprising attaching directly or indirectly to plastics material forming, or for forming, a pouch wall, a carrier carrying an malodour counteractant.
23. A method comprising adding to, or including in, a pouch for collecting matter excreted by the body, a hydrogen peroxide generator.
24. A method according to claim 23, wherein the hydrogen peroxide generator comprises a metal perborate.
25. A method according to claim 24, wherein the metal perborate is sodium perborate.
26. A method according to claim 23, wherein the hydrogen peroxide generator is placed within the pouch during manufacture of the pouch.